



After Tenkhoff Catheter Insertion

1. You may feel sleepy for several hours after surgery.
2. Do not drive any vehicles or ride a bike for at least 24 hours.
3. Do not operate heavy equipment, including lawn mowers.
4. Your appointment with the Peritoneal Dialysis Clinic is on (date) _____ at (time) _____. The clinic's telephone number is _____.

Staff at your peritoneal dialysis center will begin flushing your catheter. They will teach you about peritoneal dialysis and how to care for your catheter. You should make an appointment with this center within 3 days after your catheter was inserted.

5. Your sutures may dissolve on their own, but if they do not, they can be removed on (date) _____ at (time) _____.
6. Do not bathe or swim until your catheter site is completely healed. Your doctor must give you specific permission to shower, take a bath, or swim.
7. You may remove the dressings after _____ days. You will receive extra gauze pads and tape so that you can change your dressing.
8. You may remove your dressings sooner if they become soiled with blood or drainage. Please call the transplant center before you take off the dressing.
9. Wash your hands well before and after removing the dressing.
10. Call the transplant unit if you notice swelling, redness, drainage (more than a spot or two), worsening pain, or anything that concerns you.
11. If you experience fever, abdominal pain, or nausea/vomiting, call us. Plan to come in to see us that day.

Other Instructions:

Contacts—Transplant Center telephone number: 301-496-1009

Your Doctor:



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